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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 53(b)
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Atty. Dkt. 2551-28
Date: May 6, 1999

Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:
VIRAL VARIANTS AND METHODS FOR DETECTING SAME

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

An abstract together with
40 pages of specification and claims including
22 numbered claims and also attached is/are
10 sheets of accompanying drawings.
 This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

Application No.	Country	Filing Date
PO 3519	Australia	08 November 1996

respectively, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

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Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached.

This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed .
Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed --

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line --This is a continuation of PCT application No. PCT/AU97/00520, filed 15 August 1997--

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. , filed --

Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.

Also attached. IDS, International Search Report and PTO 1449 w/Refs.

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